

### **Remarks/Arguments**

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed April 16, 2008. Currently, claims 1-56 remain pending of which claims 15, 16, and 18-56 were previously withdrawn. Claims 1-4, 12-14, and 17 have been rejected and claims 5-11 have been objected to. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

### **Information Disclosure Statement**

The Examiner has indicated that a listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure. The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement submitted June 1, 2004 by Express Mail and acknowledged as received by the Office on June 7, 2004.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112**

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 was said to be unclear with respect to the difference between a biasing mechanism and a "biasing member". Applicant has amended claims 7 and 12 respectively to replace "biasing member" with "biasing mechanism" and "biasing member" with "spring" as that terminology is used in the paragraph at page 7, lines 22-24 to further prosecution of this case. As such, this rejection is considered moot.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103**

Claims 1-4, 13-14, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wessenger (U.S. Patent No. 2,430,487) in view of Pouliquen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,887,986), hereinafter Pouliquen. After careful review, Applicant must respectfully traverse this rejection.

"All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art." *In re Wilson*, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970). (MPEP § 2143.03). Nowhere does Wessenger appear to disclose a dynamic

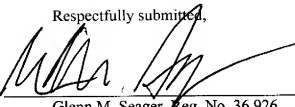
bushing assembly “wherein at least one of the guide members comprises a roller ball” as found in currently amended claim 1. Additionally, nowhere does Pouliquen appear to remedy the shortcomings of Wessenger. Therefore, Wessenger in view of Pouliquen does not appear to teach all the claim limitations, as is required to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1.

If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. 103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988). (MPEP 2143.03) Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 2-4, 13-14, and 17. Gratefully acknowledging the Examiner’s comments with respect to the allowability of pending claims 5-11 and 12, Applicants believe that claim 1, as currently amended, is now allowable and that the amendment renders claims 5-11 and 12 allowable as well, and respectfully request that the rejections of claims 5-11 and 12 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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